

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: McKenzie Dean	Team: Squad #2	CCRB Case #: 201907770	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Friday, 08/30/2019 7:30 PM	Location of Incident: [REDACTED]	Precinct: 25	18 Mo. SOL 2/28/2021	EO SOL 10/15/2021	
Date/Time CV Reported Sat, 08/31/2019 12:56 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: On-line website	Date/Time Received at CCRB Sat, 08/31/2019 12:56 PM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Witness(es)	Home Address
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. DT3 Paul Dawkins	1571	953803	NARCBBN

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. DT3 Cameel Quallis	825	949516	NARCBBN
2. DT3 Daniel Molinski	205	952030	NARCBBN
3. SGT Alexandru Anghel	00240	934403	NARCBBN
4. DT3 Jorge Morel	07029	933057	NARCBBN
5. DTS Darryle Lamb	07060	933910	H&WELL
6. DT3 Matthew Rosiello	2090	951180	NARCBBN
7. DT3 Nicholas Kowatch	01299	951884	NARCBBX

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.DT3 Paul Dawkins	Force: Detective Paul Dawkins used physical force against § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
B.DT3 Paul Dawkins	Discourtesy: Detective Paul Dawkins spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
C.DT3 Paul Dawkins	Abuse: Detective Paul Dawkins threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Case Summary

On August 31, 2019, § 87(2)(b) filed the following complaint with the CCRB online. The case was initially assigned to Inv. Georgia Rochon. It was reassigned to Inv. Kenneth Shelton on November 7, 2019, upon Inv. Rochon's resignation from the Agency. It was reassigned to Inv. McKenzie Dean on May 6, 2021, upon Inv. Shelton's resignation from the Agency.

On August 30, 2019 at approximately 7:30 PM, § 87(2)(b) was at the Electric Zoo music festival on Randall's Island with his friends, § 87(2)(b) (who also goes by the name of § 87(2)(b)), § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) was trading bracelets and beads with his friends when Detective Paul Dawkins of Brooklyn North Narcotics approached him and handcuffed him. § 87(2)(b) approached Detective Dawkins and Detective Dawkins allegedly pushed her (**Allegation A: Force – Physical force**, § 87(2)(g) As § 87(2)(b) was being escorted to a prisoner transport van, § 87(2)(b) asked the officers where they were taking § 87(2)(b) and Detective Dawkins allegedly responded, "Shut the fuck up, unless you want to come with your friend" (**Allegation B: Discourtesy – Word**, § 87(2)(g) (**Allegation C: Abuse of authority – Threat of arrest**, § 87(2)(g) § 87(2)(b) was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance (**BR 06; BR 07**).

Body-worn camera video of this incident was not received because Detective Paul Dawkins and the other officers assigned to Brooklyn North Narcotics had not been equipped with a BWC at the time of the incident.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Force: Detective Paul Dawkins used physical force against § 87(2)(b)

Allegation (B) Discourtesy: Detective Paul Dawkins spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)

Allegation (C) Abuse of authority: Detective Paul Dawkins threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b) provided a telephone statement on September 6, 2019 (**BR 05**) and was interviewed at the CCRB on September 17, 2019 (**BR 04**). On October 11, 2019, § 87(2)(b) provided a brief telephone statement (**BR 01**) but declined to be interviewed for this investigation. October 16, 2019, § 87(2)(b) provided a brief telephone statement (**BR 02**) and scheduled an interview for October 21, 2019, which he canceled the day of without rescheduling. § 87(2)(b) did not respond to the CCRB's subsequent attempts to schedule another interview appointment. Detective Dawkins was interviewed on December 8, 2020 (**BR 03**).

§ 87(2)(b) stated that after Detective Dawkins handcuffed § 87(2)(b) approached Detective Dawkins to show him that § 87(2)(b) had handed her a bead. Detective Dawkins refused to look at it and used his hands to push § 87(2)(b)'s shoulders. § 87(2)(b)'s body moved backwards because of the push, but she did not fall to the ground. The push caused bruising to her left shoulder.

In his telephone statement, § 87(2)(b) said that when the officers were escorting § 87(2)(b) away after handcuffing him, § 87(2)(b) asked what he was being charged with, and Detective Dawkins responded, "You don't need to know what you're being charged with until you're in front of a judge." § 87(2)(b) then asked Detective Dawkins for his name and shield number, and he told § 87(2)(b) "Shut the fuck up." In his sworn statement, however, § 87(2)(b) provided a different accounting of this sequence. He stated that before being escorted away, § 87(2)(b) asked why he was still handcuffed, and an officer responded, "You don't need to know what you're being charged with until you're in front of a judge." § 87(2)(b) who was following § 87(2)(b) and the officers, asked the officers where they were taking § 87(2)(b) and Detective Dawkins responded, "Shut the

fuck up, unless you want to come with your friend.”

In her telephone statement, § 87(2)(b) stated that Detective Dawkins pushed her right shoulder with his right hand and told her she needed to step back or she would be arrested as well. § 87(2)(b) offered to show the officers the bead that § 87(2)(b) had handed to her and Detective Dawkins told her and § 87(2)(b) that they needed to walk away, or they and their friends would be arrested as well.

In his telephone statement, § 87(2)(b) said that as three officers escorted him out of the park, he turned around and asked where his property was going and when he would get it back. One of the officers threatened to tase him. § 87(2)(b) could not recall the exact phrasing of this threat, but believed the officer mentioned that they could “do this the easy way or the hard way,” and then might have said something along the lines of, “Don’t make me tase you.” § 87(2)(b) asked two officers if he could see their shield numbers and they did not respond.

Detective Dawkins explained there was a crowd around him as he was apprehending § 87(2)(b) because there was approximately five thousand people spread throughout the park. Detective Dawkins believed he apprehended § 87(2)(b) by himself and did not recall if any other officers were nearby as he handcuffed § 87(2)(b). He did not observe anyone push any bystanders and did not do this himself. Detective Dawkins did not observe an officer tell a civilian, “Shut the fuck up unless you want to come with your friend” and he denied making this statement himself. Detective Dawkins did not use any profanity at this point in the incident and he did not interact with any people in the crowd nearby. Detective Dawkins explained that he did not interact with any of the surrounding civilians because he did not want to get into a confrontation by himself. To deescalate the situation as quickly as he could, he brought § 87(2)(b) out of the crowd and escorted him to the prisoner transport van.

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Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- § 87(2)(b)
- Detective Paul Dawkins has been a member of service for 8 years and has been a subject in four other CCRB complaints and eight other allegations, none of which were substantiated.

Detective Dawkin's CCRB history does not reflect any apparent pattern pertinent to this investigation.

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate this complaint.
- § 87(2)(b)
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- A Notice of Claim search request was submitted to the NYC Comptroller's Office, the results of which will be added to the case file upon receipt.

Squad: 2

Investigator: _____ Inv. Dean _____ 6/4/21 _____
Signature Print Title & Name Date

Squad Leader: Alexander Opoku-Agyemang IM Alexander Opoku-Agyemang 06/04/2021
Signature Print Title & Name Date

Reviewer: _____

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